

the Deputy Receiver General used to receive the same sum for taking charge of their funds. The latter practice has been discontinued, but we find that the allowance to the law adviser is still retained. We would also remark, that since its transfer to the Provincial Government, the Indian Office has never been placed upon the same footing as other branches of the public service in another respect; no details of the expenditure out of the fund appear in the Public Accounts, nor are the accounts furnished for audit in the usual way. We are informed by the Auditor that he has taken steps to alter this, and that since Confederation the Indian Fund will be treated like all other branches of public expenditure.

The staff of the Ordnance Lands Branch is not in excess of the business which devolves upon it. There is little in connection with it which appears to us to require special notice. The method of paying a percentage for the collection of the rents is an improvement upon the old system of salaried local agents; but in a situation so accessible as Kingston, and where the receipts are so considerable, it would probably be more economical if either the agent or one of his clerks collected them, charging travelling expenses, as is to be done for the future in the case of Sorel. The agent is allowed to occupy a house in Ottawa belonging to Government, which places him in a more favorable position than any officer of the same rank in the service. There is also an office kept up at his residence in addition to the office in the Department, at a cost, for fire and other contingencies during the 15 months ending September 30, of \$579.45. This appears to be unnecessary.

There are now, four messengers. We think three might be sufficient.

THEORETICAL ORGANIZATION

RANK.	SALARY.		
	Minimum.	Maximum.	Average.
	\$	\$	\$ cts.
Deputy Head.....	2,840	2,840	2,840 00
Corresponding Branch, 1 1st Class Clerk.....	1,200	1,800	1,500 00
2 Senior 2nd "	2,200	2,800	2,500 00
(a) 1 3rd or Jr. 2nd "	400	1,000	700 00
Registry Branch... (b) 1 Chief Clerk.....	1,800	2,200	2,000 00
1 Sr. 2nd "	1,100	1,400	1,250 00
Indian "	2,000	2,400	2,200 00
2 Sr. 2nd "	2,200	2,800	2,500 00
2 3rd or Jr. 2nd Clerks.....	800	2,000	1,400 00
Ordnance Lands..... 1 Chief Clerk.....	1,800	2,200	2,000 00
1 Sr. 2nd "	1,100	1,400	1,250 00
1 3rd or Jr. 2nd Clerk.....	400	1,000	700 00
1 Land Bailiff (not classified)	400	500	450 00
Copying and engrossing 4 3rd or Jr. 2nd Clerks.....	1,600	4,000	2,800 00
Messengers	3 900	1,500	1,200 00
Total Staff..... 23	20,740	29,840	25,290 00
Total July 1st. 25	Present cost.....		25,968 10

(a) If the letters were copied by press, this Clerk might be dispensed with.
 (b) If the Deputy Registrar is not also Clerk of the Crown, he should only be a first Class Clerk.